



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, there are more than 100,000 Idahoans of Hispanic descent whose presence give this state a culture uniquely rich in diversity of its people, their traditions, history, and contributions to the State of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, various Hispanic organizations including, Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs, Hispanic Cultural Center of Idaho, Idaho Migrant Council, Inc., Idaho Hispanic Caucus, IMAGE de Idaho, and OELA work together to improve the socio-economic and educational status of the state's Hispanic population with the most effective and efficient use of existing resources; and

WHEREAS, in the new millennium Hispanics are the fastest growing minority population in the country and in the State of Idaho, and September 15th through October 15th is recognized as Hispanic Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the Hispanic community for the programs they have established to create, encourage and provide a greater awareness of the Hispanic heritage that is such a source of pride for the State of Idaho;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim September 15th through October 15th 2002, to be

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

in Idaho, and I urge all of Idaho's citizens to recognize and celebrate this occasion.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this fourteenth day of September in the year of our Lord two-thousand and two and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-seventh and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred thirteenth.

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Pete T. Cenarrusa in black ink.

PETE T. CENARRUSA
SECRETARY OF STATE